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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Few comments are necessary in submitting our annual report of the financial transactions of the past year.

The expenditures upon highways and bridges have been about as usual.

The snow bills make a prominent showing in the cost of supporting our roads, and call for the serious consideration of some means to relieve our tax payers of the large outlay.

In accordance with instructions from the town, a very commodious and substantial vault has been erected for the safe keeping of the town records and other valuable books and documents. When the walls become perfectly dry, a few dollars expended in painting will make the whole expense of the building about three-fourths of the appropriation.

The expenses for the poor have been very little with the exception of the amount required for the care, nursing and funeral charges of Mrs. Stanton.

Highways and Bridges.

Appropriation			$650 00
District No. 1.			
C. F. Severance, surveyor	$15 45		
D. A. Brooks	14 10		
H. B. Mowry	10 35		
J. W. Black	13 37		
A. M. Marcy	1 05		
J. W. Badger	2 70		
		$ 57 02	
District No. 2.			
Andrew Campbell, surveyor	$12 95		
Andrew Campbell, plank and railing	10 68		
W. D. Sweeney	3 75		
Maurice Dwyer	5 28		
Henry Campbell	2 40		
A. M. Marcy	2 00		
U. T. Darling	6 40		
W. A. Campbell	5 28		
Erving Brothers	10 08		
		$ 58 82	
District No. 3.			
J. H. Newcomb, surveyor	$40 50		
A. G. Park	7 65		
		$ 48 15	
District No. 4.			
A. J. Shattuck, surveyor	$16 56		
A. S. Newcomb	6 10		
P. M. Johnson	3 00		
J. W. Badger	3 90		
H. R. Frizzell	9 45		
W. C. Smith	3 75		

Ernest Brooks	1 80	
W. W. Potter	4 05	
H. E. Mowry	1 95	
		$ 50 56

District No. 5.

S. S. Keet, surveyor	$18 18	
Fred Legate	3 21	
A. L. Wright	6 25	
A. G. Park	5 50	
W. R. Cooledge	1 35	
		$ 34 49

District No. 6.

F. R. Foster, surveyor	$17 80	
W. R. Cooledge	4 05	
S. A. Lamphear	4 45	
G. H. Denison	6 72	
E. P. Howes	10 72	
		$ 43 74

District No. 7.

Chas. A. Braman, surveyor	$13 78	
Newton Carson	8 35	
C. W. Severance	19 55	
		$ 41 68

District No. 8.

J. B. Martin, surveyor	$18 50	
Frank Smead	5 75	
E. F. Whitney	1 50	
		$ 25 75

District No. 9.

C. H. Robertson, surveyor	$20 00	
R. B. Robertson	10 00	
		$ 30 00

DISTRICT No. 10.

E. E. Plum, surveyor	$11 00	
E. W. Plum	4 80	
W. B. Alexander	5 00	
W. Goodnow	3 00	
R. A. Gates	8 95	
		$ 32 75

DISTRICT No. 11.

A. N. Foster, surveyor	$16 00	
W. Carroll	8 25	
Chas. Longwell	5 55	
F. M. Potter	5 25	
H. R. Frizzell, timber	2 50	
		$ 37 55

DISTRICT No. 12.

D. N. Carpenter, surveyor	$11 59	
A. C. Green	3 60	
F. H. Severance	4 45	
George Lamb	3 90	
W. A. Barber	2 00	
		$ 25 54

DISTRICT No. 13.

W. R. Strange	$12 35	
Robert Strange	11 65	
F. H. Strange	2 00	
		$ 26 00

DISTRICT No. 14.

W. W. Davenport, surveyor	$27 22	
Jacob Sauter	1 50	
Albert Edleston	3 54	
S. B. Buddington	4 95	
W. A. Barber	3 00	
E. H. Denison	1 50	
		$ 41 71

District No. 15.

B. G. Lynde, surveyor	$ 4 05		
J. E. Shearer	3 60		
D. E. Miner	2 25		
F. E. Whitney	3 15		
G. D. Lynde	3 87		
L. F. Miller	1 35		
Lynde Brothers	14 06		
C. A. Denison	3 19		
A. J. Denison,	75		
W. D. Carey	1 50		
		$ 37 77	
		$591 53	
Balance		58 47	
		$650 00	$650 00
Unexpended			$58 47

Snow Bills.

For Breaking Roads.

Newton Carson	$ 14 00
Robert Carson	6 75
Wesley Edwards	2 25
W. B. Alexander	26 40
Harry Ryan	10 35
E. E. Plum	6 45
R. A. Gates	5 40
E. A. Gates	4 50
Harry Ryan	4 95
A. N. Foster	11 80
F. M. Potter	8 29
Charles Longwell	8 03

E. P. Howes Jr.	4 25
D. E. Miner	2 15
J. B. Martin	14 70
W. C. H. Smead	3 31
R. A. Gates	8 15
F. E. Whitney	5 55
W. D. Carey	5 02
Lynde Brothers	3 83
D. N. Carpenter	12 00
Patrick Clocksy	4 57
J. H. Newcomb	13 80
F. J. Severance	5 02
E. H. Denison	3 00
E. S. Whitcomb	2 25
D. A. Brooks	2 25
C. F. Severance	75
H. B. Mowry	6 30
C. W. Severance	14 20
C. G. Severance	3 25
J. H. Black	7 20
C. A. Braman	10 50
U. T. Darling	4 05
W. D. Sweeney	1 95
Maurice Dwyer	5 35
E. P. Howes	4 05
R. S. Foster	67
W. R. Strange	9 30
F. H. Strange	12 45
Robert Strange	7 90
G. H. Denison	12 45
H. A. Campbell	2 25
Andrew Campbell	3 10
W. A. Campbell	1 80
C. H. Robertson	5 00
R. B. Robertson	4 00
A. L. Wright	10 05
H. R. Frizzell	7 00

A. J. Shattuck	4 35	
W. C. Smith	1 20	
A. S. Newcomb	3 00	
E. S. Whitcomb	1 50	
J. W. Badger	90	
H. E. Mowry	4 50	
S. C. Newcomb	2 25	
A. C. Green	6 20	
James Black	3 30	
E. E. Plum	4 35	
W. W. Potter	90	
Erving Brothers	3 27	
W. A. Barber	5 10	
E. D. Brooks	3 00	
Jacob Sauter	6 75	
J. H. Black	1 65	
F. R. Foster	75	
W. R. Cooledge	1 87	
		$387 43

J. E. Shearer, outstanding $ 1 87

Town Vault.

Appropriation		$400 00
EXPENDED ITEMS.		
M. L. Mowry, for brick	$ 21 70	
W. N. Potter & Sons, lime and cement	7 45	
A. J. Shattuck, for stone step	1 00	
Mrs. L. J. Mowry, for nails, etc.	84	
Committee on meeting-house for slate	10 00	
Greenfield Lumber Co., for lumber	10 57	
Castings and door	27 00	
S. B. Budington, for material and cash paid out and teaming	30 33	

W. A. Barber, team work	27 90	
Franklin County Lumber Co.	4 00	
W. W. Davenport, for material and cash paid for labor	10 33	
F. R. Foster, drawing sand	2 50	
E. E. Gates, for 13 3-10 days work	26 60	
S. Gallup, " " "	26 60	
W.W. Davenport, for boarding help	14 00	
E. H. Denison, for 12 days labor	15 00	
M. D. Miner, for labor	9 20	
Lynde Brothers, for material	5 25	
W. A. Barber, for grading	3 00	
M. S. Severance, for dirt	2 00	
S. B. Budington, for screen and painting	1 35	
	$ 256 62	
Last year's expenditures	27 38	
	$284 00	
Balance	116 00	
	$400 00	$400 00
Balance unexpended		$116 00

Overseers of Poor.

Appropriation		$300 00
Reimbursed		254 18
Expended on account of Mrs. Stanton as follows:		
Chester Coats, care, etc.	$ 8 00	
Mrs. Alexander, for board and care 26 3-7 weeks	264 28	

Mrs. Alexander, for medicine	5 57	
Harry Ryan, for moving	3 00	
J. W. Cram, professional services	10 75	
U. T. Darling, cash paid out	2 60	
Mrs. L. J. Mowry, for medicine	70	
Green & Vosburgh, for coffin	17 00	
Rev. W. T. Hale, attending funeral	5 00	
R. B. Robertson, for digging grave	2 00	
	$318 90	
Northampton Asylum, on account of James Carey and Ellen Kelliher	338 92	
Balance		103 64
	$657 82	$657 82
Overdrawn	$103 64	

Old Orders.

Outstanding in last report:		
G. H. Denison	$ 2 50	
F. E. Whitney	6 25	
Charles Longwell	7 85	
		$16 60

Town Officers for 1897.

Appropriation		$250 00
Reimbursed by state on account of cattle inspector		27 25
E. S. Whitcomb, clerk, treasurer and registrar	$ 45 00	
U. T. Darling, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor and registrar	55 00	

W. W. Davenport, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor and registrar	20 00	
S. B. Budington, selectman, assessor, overseer of poor and registrar	35 00	
S. T. K. Davenport, school committee	15 00	
Mrs. G. H. Denison school committee	15.00	
W. C. H. Smead, school committee	15 00	
A. J. Shattuck, inspector of meats	35 50	
E. Foster, inspector of meats	19 00	
W. A. Campbell, constable	8 00	
A. J. Shattuck, constable to date	7 35	
Balance	7 40	
	$277 25	$277 25
Unexpended		$7 40

Miscellaneous.

P. M. Johnson, services as janitor	$ 10 00
F. L. Stetson, printing report	30 00
Mrs. L. J. Mowry, for postage, expressage, etc.	8 80
W. A. Campbell, collecting taxes	14 56
D. N. Carpenter, for highway work, after making first return	1 50
F. M. Potter, ditto	60
Charles Longwell, ditto	1 05
M. H. Dwyer, ditto	1 78
Mary Bell, for material for road	1 50
George Wilder, repairs on road machine	1 75

Trustees of library,	29 00	
James Bagg, for stone work	8 75	
James Campbell, collecting $501 66	30 10	
A. L. Wright, highway work after first return	2 80	
Andrew Erving, election officer	1 00	
A. S. Newcomb, election officer	1 00	
C. F. Severance, election officer	1 00	
W. C. Smith, election officer	1 00	
Dudley E. Miner, election officer	1 00	
Homer Miner, care of library	9 00	
Homer Miner, cash paid for freight	32	
John Aiken, services in suit against Colrain	32 20	
M. D. Miner, for lumber and work on town house	2 25	
John Spring, for insurance on town house	30 00	
F. L. Stetson, for tax receipts	2 00	
G. H. Denison, for one cord wood	3 50	
W. W. Potter, sawing and housing wood	1 00	
G. D. Green, for abatement of poll tax 1896	2 00	
Laura A. Park, damage to plough on highway	1 50	
Robert A. Budington, for copying valuation	2 00	
Albert Edleston, for work on Cately mill road	8 74	
		$241 70

Memorial Day.

Appropriation		$15 00
EXPENDED:		
Rev. W. C. Townsend, address	$10 00	
Flags, etc.	1 58	
Balance	3 42	
	$15 00	$15 00
Unexpended		$3 42

Assets.

Money in treasury	$1176 29	
Due on tax of 1896	2 00	
Due on tax of 1897	116 20	
Due on tax of 1898	191 20	
Due from state, state aid	68 00	
Due from state on tuition	82 00	
Due for rent on land	12 00	
		$1667 69

Liabilities.

G. W. Davenport, note	$2500 00	
Schools	219 42	
Outstanding order	1 87	
Town officers, estimated	250 00	
Public library	81 09	
		$3052 38
Balance against the town	$1394 69	

We recommend the following appropriations:

For Schools	$ 650 00	
Highways and Bridges	700 00	
Poor	300 00	
State and County tax	835 00	
Town Officers,	250 00	
Interest	88 00	
Library	35 00	
Memorial Day	15 00	
Discount on taxes	300 00	
		$3173 00

Respectfully submitted,

U. T. Darling,
W. W. Davenport,
S. B. Budington,
} Selectmen of Leyden.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. S. WHITCOMB, Treasurer, in account with the town of Leyden.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year in treasury	$1209 57	
State Treasurer, reimbursement lunatics	254 18	
State Treasurer, reimbursement High School	111 00	
State Treasurer, reimbursement lunacy and charity tuition	34 00	
State Treasurer, reimbursement, cattle inspection	27 25	
State Treasurer, school fund	429 62	
bank tax	94 06	
state aid	278 00	
on account comp. teachers	150 00	
From Willliam A. Campbell, collector	212 93	
A. J. Shattuck, collector	117 78	
Town of Colrain, on account of Phillip Whitney	231 52	
Tax of 1898	3014 89	
From W. W. Davenport, note	500 00	
First National Bank, note	795 56	
W. W. Davenport, for lime and brick	1 18	
County Treasurer, dog fund	41 55	
A. S. Newcomb, butcher's license	1 00	
A. C. Green, "	1 00	
S. A. Lamphear, "	1 00	
		$7506 09

EXPENDITURES.

County tax	$ 675 22	
State tax,	165 00	
Northampton Asylum	338 92	
State aid	346 00	
Greenfield High School tuition	81 00	
Bernardston High School tuition	28 00	
Interest on loan from G. W. Davenport	87 50	
School Committee's orders	1205 20	
W. W. Davenport, note	508 75	
First National Bank	800 00	
District highway orders	591 53	
Miscellaneous and outstanding highway bills	36 07	
Snow bills	387 43	
Poor	327 65	
Vault	256 62	
Selectmen's miscellaneous orders	494 91	
	$6329 80	
Cash on hand	1176 29	
	$7506 09	$7506 09

We have examined the vouchers of E. S. Whitcomb, town treasurer, and compared the same with his books and found the same correct with a cash balance of eleven hundred seventy-six dollars and twenty-nine cents on hand, which is represented by bank book.

U. T. Darling,
W. W. Davenport,
S. B. Budington,
Selectmen of Leyden.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES' FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 69 41	
Appropriation	50 00	
		$119 41

EXPENDED.

Rebinding books	$ 29 00	
Librarian	9 00	
Freight	32	
Balance	81 09	
	$119 41	$119 41

Balance subject to order of trustees $81 09

U. T. DARLING, term expires 1899
C. W. SEVERANCE, term expires 1900
F. R. FOSTER, term expires 1901
} Trustees Free Public Library.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1898.

BIRTHS.

Nathaniel Black.
Gertrude Carey.
Blanche Newcomb.
Inez Carey.
Hazel Denison.
Mary Ryan.
Florence Campbell.
Earl Brooks.

DEATHS.

Bernice C. H. Foster, 1 year, chronic gastric catarrh.
Inez Floy Carey, 3 mos., imperfect circulation.
Nathan White, 78, senility.
Clarissa Stanton, 81, cancer.

MARRIAGES.

Edwin P. Howes Jr. to Lucy M. Potter.
G. Deane Bolton to Annie V. Miner.
Wilson L. Carroll to Martha Shattuck.
William J. Black to Elizabeth Bearse.
Joseph B. Martin to Emma Stanton.
Edgar A. Pike to Henrietta Mowry.
Lindsey W. Bethune to Margaret Strange.
Andy G. Park to Henrietta Grover.
Charles W. Cook to Gertrude B. Keet.

Fifty-three dollars and forty cents has been paid to the county treasurer on account of dogs licensed, and forty-one dollars and fifty-five cents returned to the town.

E. S. Whitcomb, Town Clerk.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Townsmen:

We hope the report we place before you will show no lack of progress on the part of our schools. On one line, at least, there has been an encouraging advance.

Our income from the Mass. School Fund shows a gratifying increase over that of last year, though still considerably less than the amount for 1897. On the other side of the account our financial report shows a larger amount paid in teachers' salaries than usual. Of this, however, $85.00 is money that was paid out as state aid on last year's salaries and has been reimbursed by the state. The amount used for books is considerably less than common.

We expect that the Center school will have its new floor laid and new furniture installed before the summer term begins. With one or two other items of repair finished, the condition of that schoolhouse will then compare favorably with that of any in town. A new teacher's desk is an imperative necessity in the South school and then will remain only the West Leyden schoolhouse to be repaired and refurnished. When that is done all of our schoolhouses will be in good order.

Owing to the impossibility of securing a boarding place for the teacher on East Hill last fall, the salary was increased to offset the inconvenience. The moral is obvious. Let each district board its own teacher.

The new books purchased during the year consisted mainly of readers and dictionaries. The ease with which an unabridged dictionary may be injured on account of its unwieldy size, has been strikingly exemplified in the case of the Town Hall dictionary put into the Center school.

For the other schools a smaller dictionary has been provided, which will serve all needs admirably and will not be likely to come to pieces with a few years' wear. The increase in the number of young children who now attend school has made it necessary to increase our supplies of some of the books in use for them also.

One obstinate case of truancy in town calls for the appointment of a truant officer, by whom the culprit may be brought to justice and the law enforced.

No. 1.

Summer term taught by Julia L. Newcomb.

Whole number of pupils 11. Average attendance 9.5.

Neither absent or tardy, Emily P. Foster, Sarah A. Foster.

Fall term taught by Susie M. Bagg.

Whole number of pupils 12. Average attendance 10.5.

Neither absent or tardy Emily P. Foster, Geo. H. Foster, Charles N. Foster and Charlie J. Clark.

Winter term taught by Susie M. Bagg.

Whole number of pupils 12. Average attendance 8.46.

Neither absent or tardy Charlie J. Clark, Emily P. Foster, Sarah A. Foster and Geo. H. Foster.

No. 2.

Summer term taught by Rose Coyle.

Whole number of pupils 16. Average attendance 13.3.

Neither absent or tardy, Mabel Black, Willie Cole, Nellie Longwell, Frank Jacob, Fred Jacob, Mattie Jacob and Ella Wells.

Fall term taught by Julia L. Newcomb.

Whole number of pupils 16. Average attendance 14.8.

Neither absent or tardy, Mabel E. Black, Mattie Jacob, Frank Jacob and Ella Wells.

Winter term taught by Julia L. Newcomb.
Whole number of pupils 12. Average attendance 9.65.

Neither absent or tardy, Mabel E. Black, Allen S. Frizzell, Eddie Frizzell, Ella M. Wells and Nellie Longwell.

No. 3.

Summer term taught by Mary D. Clark.
Whole number of pupils 11. Average attendance 9.81.
Neither absent or tardy, none.

Fall term taught by Mary D. Clark.
Whole number of pupils 7. Average attendance 6.11
Neither absent or tardy, none.

Winter term taught by Mary D. Clark.
Whole number of pupils 7. Average attendance 6.06.
Neither absent or tardy, none.

No. 4.

Summer term taught by Annie Lewis.
Whole number of pupils 17. Average attendance 16.82.

Neither absent or tardy, Charles B. Newcomb, Lucy W. Mowry, Gertrude E. Smith, Harriet B. Severance, Pearl D. Sawyer, Annie M. Cooledge, Agnes F. Turner, Mildred R. Smith.

Fall term taught by Alice E. Adams.
Whole number of pupils 15. Average attendance 14.3.

Neither absent or tardy, Harriet B. Severance, Annie M. Cooledge, Agnes F. Turner, Mildred R. Smith, Gertrude E. Smith.

Winter term taught by Alice E. Adams.
Whole number of pupils 14. Average attendance 11.6.

Neither absent or tardy, Lucy W. Mowry, Annie M. Cooledge, Dora H. Houghton and Artemas N. Houghton.

No. 5.

Summer term taught by Lila G. Atherton.

Whole number of pupils 8. Average attendance 7.58.

Neither absent or tardy, Clara E. Martin, Edna F. Wells.

Fall term taught by Anna D. Beaman.

Whole number of pupils 8. Average attendance 6.

Neither absent or tardy, Ora R. Martin, Frank Stanton, Clara E. Martin.

Winter term taught by Anna D. Beaman.

Whole number of pupils 11. Average attendance 9.9.

Neither absent or tardy, Ora R. Martin and Frank Stanton.

Finances.

RECEIPTS.

Due schools, March 1, 1898, from town	$ 220 24
Appropriation	700 00
Massachusetts school fund	429 62
	$1349 86

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' Salaries.

Summer term:		
Julia L. Newcomb, No. 1	$ 70 00	
Rose Coyle, No. 2	80 00	
Mary D. Clark, No. 3	70 00	
Annie Lewis, No. 4	73 60	
Lila G. Atherton, No. 5	60 00	
Fall term:		
Susie M. Bagg, No. 1	66 00	
Julia L. Newcomb, No. 2	96 00	
Mary D. Clark, No. 3	70 00	
Alice E. Adams, No. 4	60 00	
Anna D. Beaman, No. 5	60 00	
Winter term:		
Susie M. Bagg, No. 1	54 00	
Julia L. Newcomb, No. 2	64 00	
Mary D. Clark, No. 3	70 00	
Alice E. Adams, No. 4	60 00	
Anna D. Beaman, No. 5	60 00	
		$1013 60

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Mrs. J. K. Denison, supplies furnished	$ 1 66	
Geo. F. King & Co., paper, ink, etc.	3 40	
Geo. S. Perry & Co., paper, pencils, etc.	7 24	
The Morse Co., reading books	11 49	
Ginn & Co., reading books	3 50	
American Book Co., arithmetics	4 72	
D. C. Heath & Co., grammars	5 00	
American Book Co., dictionaries	3 60	
J. L. Hammett & Co., paper, pen holders	8 01	
Houghton & Mifflin, readers	3 11	
Geo. F. King & Co., paper and pencils	3 85	
		$55 58

FUEL.

Geo. H. Denison, wood for No. 1	$ 8 00	
Hart E. Mowry, wood for No. 4	4 50	
W. A. Barber, wood for No. 3	8 00	
J. B. Martin, wood for No. 5	3 50	
		$24 00

CARE OF HOUSES AND BUILDING FIRES.

Mrs C. F. Severance cleaning 3	$ 1 50	
Mrs John H. Black cleaning 2, 1898	1 50	
Raymond B. Mowry building fire and kindling furnished 3 in spring	1 00	
Geo. H. Denison, cleaning 1	1 50	
Frank Stanton, building fire 5 in fall	75	
Frank Stanton, building fire 5 in winter	1 50	
Homer D. Miner, building fire 4 and kindling furnished	2 00	
Raymond D. Mowry, building fire in 3	1 50	
Nellie Longwell, building fire in 2	1 20	
Mrs J. H. Newcomb, cleaning	1 50	
		$13 95

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs J. K. Denison, postage and stationary 1898	$ 1 25	
A. R. Denison, repairs on 5	2 00	
Geo. H. Denison, money paid for express	70	
L. J. Mowry, supplies, etc.	2 03	
S. T. K. Davenport, money paid for supplies, express, etc.	7 09	
		$13 07

EXTRA PAY OF 1898 TEACHERS AFTER MAKING LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

Annie Lewis	$20 00	
Rose Coyle	20 00	
Cora B. Winn	20 00	
Julia L. Newcomb	20 00	
Lila Atherton	5 00	
		$85 00

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts		$1349 86
TOTAL EXPENSES:		
Salaries	$1013 60	
Books and supplies	55 58	
Fuel	24 00	
Care of houses and fires	13 95	
Miscellaneous	13 07	
Extra pay of teachers	85 00	
		$1205 20
Balance due schools March 1, 1899		$144 66

Respectfully submitted.

MRS J. K. DENISON, S. T. K. DAVENPORT, } School Committee of Leyden.

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Selectmen's Report.

In presenting this report we find few subjects of especial note to be discussed here.

In view of the town's indebtedness and the possibility, or we may say the probability of an increase in our annual expenses, we feel the need of strict economy in all our financial affairs, that we may reduce the liabilities of the town as soon as possible.

Our road machine is well worn and it is a matter of importance for us to decide whether we will repair it at considerable expense, or get a new one, or do without.

By request an article is inserted in our warrant asking additional amount for highways, to be expended in grading and graveling.

We have also an article in regard to better provision for an advanced grade of pupils in our schools. We trust this will receive your thoughtful attention. Give all the children the best possible outfit for honorable and useful lives. Emphasize the history and traditions of our fathers by following their example, and thus perpetuate the good name of our town by making abundant provisions for the education of every boy and girl in town.

Expenditures.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation			$700 00
DISTRICT No. 1.			
D. A. Brooks	$14 50		
H. B. Mowry	10 45		
Erving Brothers	4 50		
C. F. Severance	3 30		
J. W. Black	2 25		
		$35 00	
DISTRICT No. 2.			
U. T. Darling	$14 25		
James Campbell	9 45		
M. H. Dwyer	7 25		
John Erving	7 63		
Andrew Campbell	5 50		
W. W. Davenport and Black	4 00		
Andrew Erving	3 00		
W. D. Sweeney	2 63		
A. Campbell	55		
		$54 26	
DISTRICT No. 3.			
Jacob Sauter	$26 62		
A. Edleston	7 50		
Andy Park	5 55		
J. H. Newcomb	3 00		
		$42 67	

District No. 4.

W. C. Smith	$11 25	
A. S. Newcomb	6 75	
H. R. Frizzell	6 13	
E. Brooks	3 80	
J. H. Robertson	3 60	
A. J. Shattuck	3 75	
H. E. Mowry	3 50	
P. Johnson	3 00	
		$41 78

District No. 5.

Fred Legate	$23 96	
S. S. Keet	14 46	
A. L. Wright	6 00	
Andy Park	4 00	
Fred King	1 50	
S. S. Keet	3 00	
		$52 92

District No. 6.

S. A. Lamphear	$ 8 28	
F. R. Foster	6 95	
G. H. Denison	4 50	
N. A. Carson	1 75	
H. E. Goodnow	1 50	
W. R. Cooledge	3 00	
S. S. Keet	1 50	
E. P. Howes	4 95	
		$32 43

District No. 7.

C. A. Braman	$10 63
C. W. Severance	9 76
C. G. Severance	4 00
N. A. Carson	3 50

James Black	3 00	
Mary Black	2 00	
		$32 89

District No. 8.

Frank Smead	$18 88	
Fred Miner	4 26	
E. A. Gates	3 00	
C. A. Denison	4 73	
R. A. Gates	2 00	
W. Carey	1 20	
		$34 10

District No. 9.

C. H. Robertson	$10 25	
R. B. Robertson	17 00	
		$27 25

District No. 10.

G. E. Williams	$16 00	
R. A. Gates	4 50	
		$20 50

District No. 11.

E. P. Howes, Jr.	$10 45	
F. M. Potter	8 62	
A. N. Foster	13 02	
Wilson Carroll	9 70	
A. L. Wright	4 50	
Charles Longwell	3 75	
Globach	75	
		$50 79

District No. 12.

M. S. Severance	$23 65	
D. N. Carpenter	4 50	
J. H. Robertson	1 90	
Frank Stanton	40	
P. Clarisa	30	
		$30 75

District No. 13.			
Robert Strange	$11 50		
W. R. Strange	9 50		
Fred Strange	10 00		
		$31 00	
District No. 14.			
S. B. Budington	$19 40		
470 feet plank	5 65		
H. W. Severance	40		
James Stewart	1 00		
		$26 45	
District No. 15.			
D. E. Miner	$26 75		
Charles Jacobs	2 63		
G. D. Lynde	3 00		
A. R. Denison	2 60		
Lynde Brothers	7 17		
H. Miner	1 00		
F. E. Whitney	1 35		
		$ 44 50	
		$557 29	
Balance		142 71	
		$700 00	$700 00
Unexpended			$142 71

HIGHWAYS—WINTER.

For Breaking Roads.

E. S. Whitcomb	$ 1 95
W. W. Goodnow	4 75
S. B. Budington	3 15
D. A. Brooks	3 70
E. Edleston	2 85

D. N. Carpenter	7 25
C. S. Braman	9 75
Patrick Clarasa	3 45
W. D. Sweeney	1 95
Wilson Carroll	3 74
Andy Park	12 90
U. T. Darling	2 25
E. P. Howes, Jr.	8 41
James Black	7 35
M. S. Severance	3 07
John Robertson	2 25
H. E. Mowry	75
J. H. Newcomb	5 00
Ernest Brooks	1 20
O. E. Miller	7 65
A. N. Foster	10 75
John Glabach	6 55
H. B. Mowry	3 10
Frank Smead	8 03
W. D. Carey	3 07
A. J. Shattuck	3 85
F. M. Potter	3 52
F. E. Whitney	3 58
N. Carson	3 30
Ernest Plumb	10 95
A. S. Newcomb	1 00
W. B. Alexander	5 55
W. D. Carey	60
George Williams	1 50
Leon Williams	1 05
George Lamb	1 35
C. W. Severance	9 67
J. B. Martin	9 00
R. A. Gates	2 00
S. S. Keet	6 00
C. M. Bates	2 77

Andrew Campbell	4 95	
Henry Campbell	2 92	
U. Miner	75	
J. E. Shearer	2 25	
M. D. Miner	50	
Patrick Clarisa	30	
W. A. Campbell	2 25	
S. A. Lamphear	4 42	
F. R. Foster	2 25	
W. R. Strange	5 10	
W. R. Cooledge	2 25	
M. Dwyer	1 80	
Lynde Brothers	6 30	
G. D. Lynde & Son	2 70	
F. M. Potter	97	
A. L. Wright	5 50	
Erving Brothers	3 90	
W. C. Smith	3 30	
J. Glabach	1 55	
W. W. Potter	75	
H. R. Frizzel	2 70	
C. A. Braman	3 00	
Robert Strange	4 00	
F. H. Strange	14 05	
J. Sauter	1 60	
W. Carroll	1 95	
C. H. Robertson	4 00	
G. H. Denison	4 05	
D. A. Miner	1 25	
C. A. Denison	75	
Charles Longwell	5 63	
E. P. Howes	3 45	
E. P. Howes, Jr.	1 35	
A. C. Green	1 85	
C. W. Severance	3 40	
		$298 36

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1898.

Appropriation		$250 00
U. T. Darling, selectman, assessor overseer of poor and registrar	$ 45 00	
W. W. Davenport	30 00	
S. B. Budington	30 00	
E. S. Whitcomb, town clerk, treasurer and registrar	45 00	
S. T. K. Davenport, school committee	15 00	
Mrs. J. K. Denison, school committee	15 00	
A. J. Shattuck, inspector meats	30 25	
A. J. Shattuck, constable and collector	20 75	
	$231 00	
Balance	19 00	
	$250 00	$250 00
Unexpended		$19 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing town reports	$ 29 00
L. J. Mowry, stationery,.etc.,	12 37
P. Johnson, janitor	10 00
O. E. Miller, repairs county road	4 90
L. J. Mowry, oil	45
M. S. Severance, driving hearse	8 00
U. T. Darling, expenses, J. Carey	2 04
G. A. R., Memorial day	11 62
C. T. Bagnall, printing	3 90

H. E. Mowry, sand for vault	10 00	
R. E. Gates, 2 road gates	5 00	
W. A. Campbell	12 77	
Repairing road machine	8 50	
U. T. Darling, freight	2 00	
A. S. Newcomb	50	
Free public library	5 92	
W. M. Smead, service criminal cases	3 34	
W. H. Ward, service criminal cases	8 34	
W. H. Ward, service criminal cases	2 45	
Window shades	3 45	
Trustees free public library	82 27	
Lamp	4 10	
Fred Strange and others, election officers	5 00	
A. J. Denison, repairing gate	1 00	
H. A. Mowry, abatement tax	1 57	
Gilbert Jones estate, abatement tax	2 71	
W. P. Maynard, abatement tax	2 02	
Homer Miner, librarian	9 00	
William Andrews, bridge plank	7 50	
Tax collector's book	75	
Mrs. L. J. Mowry, goods to Jacobs	6 35	
Robert Severance, abatement tax '96	2 00	
U. T. Darling, freight on boards for school house No. 4	2 50	
T. F. Lumber Co., floor boards for school house No. 4	15 20	
M. D. Miner, work on No. 4	10 00	
T. F. Lumber Co., for lumber school district No. 5	19 30	
C. A. Denison, for No. 5	45 70	
A. R. Denison, paint, paper and labor No. 5	29 27	
School desks	46 77	
		$437 56

Assets.

Money in treasury	$1424 40	
Due on tax of 1897	108 87	
Due on tax of 1899	176 01	
Due from state aid	109 00	
Due for rent of land	12 00	
		$1830 28

Liabilities.

Note to Mr Davenport	$2500 00
Schools	83 98
Outstanding order	1 87
Town officers, estimated	250 00
Public library	

We recommend the following appropriations :

For schools	$ 650 00	
Highway and bridges	600 00	
For grading and graveling	250 00	
Poor	200 00	
State and county tax	850 00	
Town officers	250 00	
Interest	88 00	
Library	35 00	
Memorial day	15 00	
Discount on taxes	300 00	
		$3238 00

Respectfully submitted,

U. T. Darling,
W. W. Davenport,
S. B. Budington,
} Selectmen of Leyden.

Town Clerk's Report.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1899.

BIRTHS.

Henry Porter.
Raymond Smead.
Clifford Carey.
Evelyn Pike.
Charles Ryan.
Lewis Goodnow.
Charlie Lynde.
Nellie Denison.
Alice Thayer.

DEATHS.

Roswell S. Keet, 88.
Jane E. Mowry, 86.
Ranson S. Foster, 73.
Viola A. C. Lynde, 43.

MARRIAGES.

Harlow E. Bliss to Blanche E. Howes.
Bert E. Whitney to Mary E. Moulton.
Stephen T. K. Davenport to Julia L. Newcomb.

Seventy-one dollars and twenty cents has been paid to the county treasurer on account of dogs licensed and nineteen dollars and sixteen cents returned to the town.

E. S. Whitcomb, Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

E. S. Whitcomb, Treasurer, in account with the town of Leyden.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year in treasury	$1176 29	
State treasurer, reimbursement lunatics	254 18	
State treasurer, reimbursement high school	120 00	
State treasurer, reimbursement lunacy and charity tuition	50 00	
State treasurer, reimbursement, cattle inspection	15 12	
State treasurer, school fund	479 59	
State treasurer, bank tax	58 01	
State treasurer, state aid	341 00	
State treasurer, income Mass. school fund	149 40	
From estate of John Carey on account of James Carey	250 00	
From A. S. Newcomb, for Hescox land	150 00	
From W. A. Campbell, collector	9 33	
A. J. Shattuck, collector	191 20	
Tax of 1899	2815 51	
County treasurer, dog fund	19 16	
A. C. Green, butcher's license	1 00	
S. A. Lamphear, butcher's license	1 00	
		$6080 79

EXPENDITURES.

County tax	$ 675 22	
State tax	165 00	
Northampton asylum	338 92	
State aid	382 00	
Greenfield high school tuition	81 00	
Bernardston high school tuition	11 00	
Interest on loan from W. W. Davenport	87 50	
School committee's orders	1389 67	
District highway orders	559 16	
Snow bills	298 36	
Selectmen's miscellaneous orders	668 56	
	$4656 39	
Cash on hand	1424 40	
	$6080 79	$6080 79

We have examined the vouchers of E. S. Whitcomb, town treasurer, and compared the same with his books and found the same correct with a cash balance of fourteen hundred twenty-four dollars and forty cents which is represented by bank book.

U. T. Darling,
W. W. Davenport,
S. B. Budington,
} Selectmen of Leyden.

Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

FELLOW TOWNSMEN:

The trustees on examination of the record of the librarian, have to report a larger circulation than in any previous year. Its value in the line of study is being more and more appreciated.

Many books have been added during the past year and we shall soon receive another addition of eighty dollars worth. Among the books added, was a gift of thirty-nine, and some of them quite valuable, from Miss Sawyer, assistant state librarian.

We ask for an appropriation of fifty dollars for the coming year. More shelf room must be provided and some other needed improvements added.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 81 09	
Appropriation	35 00	
		$116 09

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$ 85 92	
Librarian	9 00	
Record book	1 00	
Felt for table	1 27	
Lamp	4 10	
Unexpended	14 80	
	$116 09	$116 09

Balance subject to order of trustees $14 80

C. W. SEVERANCE, term expires 1900
F. R. FOSTER, term expires 1901,
U. T. DARLIRG, term expires 1902,
} Trustees Free Public Library.

School Report.

Fellow Citizens:

The following report is commended to your careful attention and we hope that it will meet with your approval.

The town appropriation for schools was a little less than usual for this year, but our income from the state has been a little more than it was last year, so that the difference was not noticeable. Our expenses, however, have been larger for several reasons. The state has required thirty-two weeks of school instead of thirty as heretofore. The cost of running the schools for two weeks extra, together with the slightly larger salaries paid teachers, have increased our expenses to the amount of about $126. Our expenses for books have also been much greater than they were last year. New readers were an imperative necessity, and we find that they are generally appreciated. We hope that the arithmetical charts will be helpful, and the one botany provided for the Center school was called for by both teacher and pupils. It has already paid for itself in the interest in plant life that it has awakened, and we shall be glad to furnish a copy to each school in town as soon as it is ready for it.

This year the West Leyden school house has been repaired and made thoroughly comfortable, and when the work on the Center school is finished, our school houses will all be in good repair. The new desks in both Center and West schools are greatly appreciated, and the new teacher's desk in the South school supplies a long felt want. The main expenses incurred in repairing and re-

furnishing, are given in the selectmen's report, while some minor expenses in the same connection, help to swell the list of our miscellaneous expenses.

The chronic fault finders among our school patrons may be roughly divided into two classes. Those who send their children only part of the time, allowing them to stay out for trifling causes, and those who complain that the teacher is not a good one because she does not teach exactly as they were taught in the "long ago." The first class find that their children soon fall behind those who attend regularly, and so lose their interest in school work. This, they insist, is due to neglect or incompetence on the part of the teacher. The second class consists of those who believe they are quite perfect, and consequently they uphold the old methods under which they attained perfection. Both classes are a nuisance. May there be fewer fault finders in 1900, is the prayer of your committee.

No. 1.

Summer term taught by Eva Baker.
Whole number of pupils 14. Average attendance 10.4
Neither absent or tardy, Sarah A. Foster.
Fall term taught by Winifred Henry.
Whole number of pupils 14. Average attendance 11.
Neither absent or tardy, none.
Winter term taught by Ruth Benson.
Whole number of pupils 15. Average attendance 11.82.
Neither absent or tardy Edwin Porter and Thurman H. Keet.

No. 2.

Summer term taught by Julia L. Newcomb.
Whole number of pupils 12. Average attendance 11.22.
Neither absent or tardy Emily J. Black, Lizzie H. Carson, Nellie J. Longwell and Ella M. Wells.

Fall term taught by Ruth Benson.
Whole number of pupils 12. Average attendance 8.01.
Neither absent or tardy, Ella M. Wells.
Winter term taught by Lillian Slate.
Whole number of pupils 15. Average attendance 12.41.
Neither absent or tardy, none.

No. 3.

Summer term taught by Alma Gold.
Whole number of pupils 11. Average attendanoe 9.43.
Neither absent or tardy, Katie Campbell, Raymond Mowry, Henrietta Osgood and Eva M. Brooks.
Fall term taught by Ethel H. Budington.
Whole number of pupils 9. Average attendance 8.38.
Neither absent or tardy, Henrietta Osgood, Eva M. Brooks and Alice P. Brooks.
Winter term taught by Ethel H. Budington.
Whole number of pupils 11. Average attendance 7.6.
Neither absent or tardy, none.

No. 4.

Summer term taught by Martha B. Stephens.
Whole number of pupils 13. Average attendance 11.84.
Neither absent or tardy, Lucy W. Mowry, H. Belle Severance, Mildred R. Smith and Agnes F. Turner.
Fall term taught by Martha B. Stephens.
Whole number of pupils 14. Average attendance 12.83.
Neither absent or tardy, Lucy W. Mowry and H. Belle Severance.
Winter term taught by Martha B. Stephens.
Whole number of pupils 16. Average attendance 12.96.
Neither absent or tardy, H. Belle Severance.

No. 5.

Summer term taught by Mary D. Clark.
Whole number of pupils 13. Average attendance 11.83.
Neither absent or tardy, Emma C. Jacob.
Fall term taught by Rebecca T. Poole.
Whole number of pupils 13. Average attendance 8.39.
Neither absent or tardy, none.
Winter term taught by Rebecca T. Poole.
Whole number of pupils 16. Average attendance 11.8.
Neither absent or tardy, none.

Finances

RECEIPTS.

Due schools, March 1, 1899	$ 144 66	
Appropriation	650 00	
Massachusetts school fund	479 59	
Income Massachusetts school fund	149 40	
Tuition, state children	50 00	
		$1473 65

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' Salaries.

Summer term:	
Eva Baker, No. 1	$ 60 00
Julia L. Newcomb, No. 2	80 00
Alma Gold, No. 3	60 00
Martha B. Stephens, No. 4	80 00
Mary D. Clark, No. 5	70 00

Fall term:		
Winifred Henry, No. 1	77 00	
Ruth Benson, No. 2	84 00	
Ethel H. Budington, No. 3	84 00	
Martha B. Stephens, No. 4	96 00	
Rebecca T. Poole, No. 5	84 00	
Winter term:		
Ruth Benson, No. 1	75 00	
Lillian Slate, No. 2	70 00	
Ethel H. Budington, No. 3	75 00	
Martha B. Stephens, No. 4	80 00	
Rebecca T. Poole, No. 5	65 00	
		$1140 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co., books	$ 40 50	
George F. King & Co., pens, pencils, etc.	14 86	
Silver, Burdette & Co., writing books	11 20	
American Book Co., readers	6 00	
R. O Evans & Co., charts	35 00	
Little, Brown & Co., botany	1 89	
		$109 45

FUEL.

R. A. Gates, wood, No. 5	$10 50	
Fred H. Strange, wood, No. 2	8 00	
George H. Denison, wood, No. 1	10 00	
E. E. Plumb, wood, No. 4	10 00	
Charles Longwell, wood, No. 2	1 25	
George A. Gates, wood, No. 5, 1900	10 00	
George H. Denison, wood, No. 3	4 00	
		$53 75

CARE OF HOUSES AND BUILDING FIRES.

Ray Mowry, kindlings	$ 50	
Homer Miner, building fire, No. 4, Spring	50	
Homer Miner, building fire, No. 5, Fall	1 00	
Fred Wright, building fire, No. 1, Winter	1 50	
Homer Miner, building fire, No. 4, Winter	2 00	
Jacob Young, building fire, No. 2, Winter	1 50	
Mrs. C. F. Severance, cleaning No. 3	1 50	
Mrs. A. J. Denison, cleaning No. 5	75	
		$9 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. J. K. Denison, supplies	$ 3 64	
C. A. Denison, supplies	3 85	
A. R. Denison, work and material	7 50	
J. L. Hammet & Co., desk, No. 3	10 50	
E. S. Whitcomb, freight	1 25	
C. A. Denison, work and material	8 57	
George H. Denison, express and telegram	2 37	
L. J. Mowry, supplies	2 04	
		$39 72

EXTRA PAY ON SALARIES.

Susie M. Bagg	$10 00	
Anna Beaman	10 00	
Alice M. Adams	17 50	
		$37 50

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts		$1473 65
TOTAL EXPENSES:		
Salaries	$1140 00	
Books and supplies	109 45	
Fuel	53 75	
Care of houses and building fires	9 25	
Miscellaneous	39 72	
Extra pay on salaries	37 50	
		$1389 67
Balance due schools March 1, 1900		$83 98

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. K. DENISON,
S. T. K. DAVENPORT,
C. A. DENISON,
School Committee of Leyden.

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